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14 January 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director for Intelligence
Director of Current Production and Analytic Support

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FROM: [] Chief
Intelligence Liaison Staff, CPAS

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SUBJECT: Headquarters Visit of Senior US
Military Officer

1. Action Requested: That you meet with General Thomas C. Richards, Deputy Commander-in-Chief, United States European Command, Stuttgart, on Wednesday, 11 February at 1100. []

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2. Background: General Richards will be visiting Headquarters for the second time in six months. You met with him during his SOVA - sponsored visit last fall. His predecessor was General Lawson. Agenda and other relevant material will be forwarded when available

Attachment: Bio

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Deputy Director for Intelligence

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7s/ Robert M. Gates

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Acting Director of Central Intelligence

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Biography

United States Air Force

Secretary of the Air Force, Office of Public Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20330

LIEUTENANT GENERAL THOMAS C. RICHARDS

Lieutenant General Thomas C. Richards is commander of Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

General Richards was born Feb. 13, 1930, in San Diego and graduated from Hampton (Va.) High School in 1948. He earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration and received his commission as a distinguished graduate of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1956. The general completed Squadron Officer School in 1963 and received his master's degree in communication in 1973 from Shippensburg (Pa.) State College while attending the Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.



His military career began with the U.S. Army infantry in 1948. He served as a platoon sergeant during the Korean War and was wounded twice. General Richards entered pilot training and earned his wings at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, in 1957. After combat crew training he was assigned as a B-47 co-pilot with the Strategic Air Command's 19th Bombardment Wing, Homestead Air Force Base, Fla., from July 1958 to February 1961.

He was upgraded as a B-47E commander at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., before being transferred, in July 1961, to the 301st Bombardment Wing at Lockbourne Air Force Base, Ohio. General Richards received B-52 combat crew training at Castle Air Force Base, Calif., from May to August 1964. His next assignments were to the 20th Bombardment Squadron at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., and later at Carswell Air Force Base, Texas. During this period he was an aircraft commander on the first B-52 combat missions over Vietnam.

After completing tactical combat crew training and airborne training in December 1967, General Richards was assigned to the 19th Tactical Air Support Squadron at Bien Hoa Air Base, Republic of Vietnam, as a forward air controller with the 101st Airborne Infantry Division. He served a consecutive tour of duty with the 56th Air Commando (later Special Operations) Wing at Udorn Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand, with detached service at the U.S. Embassy in Laos. In addition he commanded the Raven forward air controllers and flew 624 combat missions in T-28s, O-1s, U-10s and U-17s.

In February 1969 he returned to the United States for an assignment at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo., where he served until November 1972 as an executive officer, squadron air officer commanding and group air officer commanding. He then attended the Army War College.

The general transferred to Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, in August 1973, as wing deputy commander and later commander of the Basic Military Training School until September 1975. He

(Current as of December 1984)

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en went to Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C., as chief of the Leadership and Motivation Division, Directorate of Personnel Plans, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel.

From October 1976 to October 1977, General Richards served as commander of the Air Reserve Personnel Center at Denver. He then returned to the academy as vice commandant of cadets and became commandant of cadets in March 1978. General Richards took command of the U.S. Air Force Recruiting Service at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, in February 1981. He was responsible for directing the recruitment of personnel for the Air Force. In March 1982 General Richards transferred to Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., as commander of the Keesler Technical Training Center. In September 1983 he was assigned as vice commander, 8th Air Force, Strategic Air Command, Barksdale Air Force Base. He assumed his present duties in July 1984.

The general is a command pilot with more than 4,700 flying hours. He is rated as a senior parachutist and earned the Combat Infantry Badge. His military decorations and awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star with one oak leaf cluster, Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal with "V" device and one oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with 17 oak leaf clusters and Purple Heart with one oak leaf cluster.

He was promoted to lieutenant general Aug. 1, 1984, with same date of rank.

General Richards is married to the former Meredyth Sweda of Chicago.

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*Promoted to Full General.
this (1986) Autumn*